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1. IN KEEPING WITH OUR UNDERSTANDING TO KEEP THE STAFFING
SITUATION UNDER CONTINUING REVIEW, WE WANT YOU TO KNOW
THAT DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CONSIDERING PROPOSALS THAT EVANS
(RSC) AND ROBERTS (VOA) NOT RPT NOT BE EVACUATED THIS WEEK.
ARGUMENT THAT EVANS IS NEEDED FOR SUPERVISION OF RSC EM-
PLOYEES NOW GOING BACK TO WORK APPEARS REASONABLE TO US,
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ON UNDERSTANDING HE WILL NOT BE TRAVELLING BACK AND FORTH

TO RSC BUILDING.WE ARE NOT RPT NOT YET PERSUADED THAT
ROBERTS SHOULD REMAIN.

2. YOU MAY WISH TO RECONSIDER THESE PROPOSALS. IF IN YOUR
JUDGMENT EVANS SHOULD REMAIN, YOU HAVE OUR APPROVAL. WE
FRANKLY WOULD REQUIRE SPECIAL JUSTIFICATION RE ROBERTS
CASE, WITH COMPARATIVE ASSESSMENT OF PRIORITIES IN WHAT
WE BELIEVE SHOULD BE A VERY LEANLY-STAFFED MISSION FOR
THE TIME BEING. KISSINGER

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